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25.	Tripura	6094	6059
26.	Uttar Pradesh	137557	116740
27.	Uttaranchal	7792	7579
28.	West Bengal	74640	55064
29.	A and N Islands	621	621
30.	Chandigarh	329	329
31.	Delhi	4428	4011
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	215	138
33.	Daman and Diu	97	97
34.	Lakshadweep	74	74
35.	Pondicherry	688	677
ALL INDIA:		946060	781208

Stringent punishment to immoral traffickers

3491. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are intending to bring the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2006 to punish traffickers and provide for stringent punishment to offenders;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Bill does not cover trafficking for other purposes such as bonded labour and domestic work, begging and organ trade etc.; and

(c) whether it does not violate the UN Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons especially women and children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime to which India is a signatory and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Government is intending to amend the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA) to provide more stringent punishment for traffickers and offenders.

(b) The proposed amendments to ITPa, 1956 are concerned with trafficking for purposes of commercial sexual exploitation.

(c) No, Sir.

Take home ration for ICDS beneficiaries

3492. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provided take home ration for all beneficiaries of ICDS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Under the ICDS Scheme, the type of beneficiaries include children in the age group of 6 months to 3 years, children between 3-6 years of age and pregnant women and lactating mothers. As per existing guidelines, Take Home Ration (THR) has to be provided to children below the age of 3 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

Demands of Anganwadi Workers

3493. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 289 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 2007 and state:

(a) the main recommendations of the Review Committee; and

(b) whether Government would convene further meetings with the Unions/Associations/federation of Anganwadi Workers to settle their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Review Committee constituted by the Government to examine the current levels of honorarium paid to Anganwadi Workers/Helpers and related issues, has already submitted its Report and the same is under consideration of the Government.